[Translation]

Revaluation of J.R.Y.

343. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Programme Appraisal Organisation of Planning Commission has conducted any study of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof , state-wise;

(c) whether the study has revealed that some Gram Panchayats in the States have not utilised the funds provided under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) and (b) Yes,Sir. A quick study of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) was conducted by Programme Evaluation Organisation (PED), Planning Commission, during 1992 covering the period from April 1st, 1989 to September,1991. The PED had selected 10 states including Andhra Pradesh, 20 discricts and 40 Gram Panchayats for this purpose. The Evaluation Study of JRY did not give State-Wise findings.

(c) and (d) The study revealed that out of 40 selected Gram Panchayats, 2 in 1989-90 and 6 in 1990-91 did not utilize the funds at all. In the first half of 1991-92, 19 Gram Panchayats did not report any utilization of funds.

The Government of India have taken a number of steps to improve the implementation of JRY. The programme was first restructured during 1993-94, again in Janaury,1996. JRY is continuously monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports, received from the State Governments. State Governments are required to draw up a schedule of inspection for each supervisory level officer at State district/block level to review the qualitative and quantitative aspect of the programme. The village Panchayats are penalized, if they exceed the prescribed limit of opening balance of 25% of the available funds during the previous year. The implemenation is also monitored through a State Level Coordination Committee for the Rural Development programmes, in which representative of Government of India is also invited. The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment have introduced a system of area Officers during the year 1993 with a view to effectively monitoring the various programme of rural development including JRY. Instructions have also been issued to constitute vigilance and monitoring committees at State, district block level for effective implementation of the scheme.

Remuneration to Child Artist

344. SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a pretty small amount is given to a child artist by All India Radio for participating in one programme in comparison to adult artist;

(b) if so, the reasons for wide difference between the remunerations to adult and child artists;

(c) the criteria of fixing remuneration for other similar intellectual works; and

(d) whether there is any provision for paying any amount for rehearsal and conveyance, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) Different fees are offered to adult and child artistes due to the basic difference that a child artist is a learner whereas an adult artiste is a professional . A child artiste is offered Rs.150/- for participating in plays and Rs.100/- for other programmes except in four metros where Rs.125/- is paid. Different scales of fee have been prescribed for different intellectual works.

(d) There is no separate provision of paying any amount for rehearsal and conveyance in All India Radio. However, an outstation child artiste is paid TA/DA and escort fee.

[English]

Doordarshan Coverage in M.P.

345. SHRI N.N. KRISHAN DAS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places in Mandsaur District in Madhya Pradesh where low power transmitters installed;

(b) whether the work with regard to places proposed to be covered has since been completed; and

(c) if so, the time by which these places are to be covered by Doordarshan ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) While 3 Low power TV transmitters, one each at Mandsaur, Neemuch and Kukadeshwar are presently operational in the Mandsaur district, 3 additional Low Power TV transmitters one each at Garot, Bhanpura and sitamau are presently under implementation for further augmentation of TV service in the district and the same are expected to be completed during the current financial year.